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SUBJ: QUESTIONS OF CURRENT INTEREST

1. IN TOUR D'HORIZON, FONMIN DIR CAB THIEMELE AMOAKON GAVE EMBOFF MARCH 26 OUTLINE OF CURRENT GOIC ACTIVITY AND THINKING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE COMMENTS OF THIS RANKING MINISTRY OFFICIAL WORTH REPEATING.

2. CAMBODIA: GRUNK ITINERANT AMBASSADOR CHEN YOURN, RESIDENT DAKAR, VISITED IVORY COAST TWO WEEKS AGO AND MET WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. THIEMELE SAID MINISTRY OFFICIALS NOT PRESENT DURING CONVERSATION, THUS UNINFORMED OF CONTENT DISCUSSION. HE SAID THAT INSOFAR AS MINISTRY AWARE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE IN GOIC POLICY TOWARD GKR.

3. OAU: FORMIN USHER DEPARTING DEFINITELY THIS WEEKEND FOR OAU MEETING KAMPALA. THIEMELE INDICATED GOIC RECEIVED MESSAGE MARCH 25 ADVISING THAT MEETING IS BEING HELD.

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4. UNGA: DIR CAB SAID HE CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF DRAFTING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IVORIAN DELEGATION, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY FORMIN USHER. HE SAID IVORIANS EXPECT VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION. NOTING IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ON ENERGY QUESTION AND RAW MATERIALS IN GENERAL, GOIC HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED NO PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS TO STUDY ON LATTER QUESTION, SO HOW CAN ANYTHING MEANINGFUL ON SUBJECT BE DECIDED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSIDERATION? THIEMELE PREDICTS THERE WILL BE MUCH TALK AND LITTLE ACTION; THE MOST IVORIANS HOPE FOR IS THAT DECISION WILL BE TAKEN DURING SESSION TO ESTABLISH SOME WORKING GROUPS WHICH, ON BASIS OF WHAT THEY LATER PRODUCE, WILL SUCCEED IN PAVING THE WAY FOR FURTHER AND MORE SERIOUS UN ACTION.

5. FOREIGN REPRESENTATION: COLOMBIA, WHICH IS ELEVATING ITS CONGEN TO EMBASSY LEVEL, IS SENDING ITS FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR HERE MOMENTARILY. ARGENTINA IS ALSO ABOUT TO OPEN EMBASSY HERE. WITHIN FEW MONTHS ABIDJAN WILL HAVE TOTAL OF SOME 60 RESIDENT FOREIGN MISSIONS OF VARIOUS SORTS.

6. COMMENT: THIEMELE IS ONE OF FONMIN'S BRIGHTEST LIGHTS. HE IS WELL INFORMED (AT LEAST INsofar AS MINISTRY IS INFORMED) AND CAN BE RELIED UPON TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION. VISIT OF CHEN YOURN WAS ONE OF BEST KEPT SECRETS OF COMINGS AND GOINGS OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS WE HAVE SEEN HERE IN SOME TIME. THERE WAS NEITHER PUBLICITY NOR TALK OF ANY KIND SURROUNDING IT. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT HOUPHOUET DID NOT MAKE SOME SORT OF COMMITMENT TO HIM IN PRIVATE WHICH HE MAY IMPLEMENT WHEN TIME PERMITS.
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